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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen of the town of Winchester for the year ending March 1, 1878, submit the following report:—

### RECEIPTS.

Received of Mowry Saben, collector,	\$15,825 51
“ “ “ “ interest,	74 76
Cash in treasury March 1, 1877,	2,944 33
County paupers, April term, 1877,	546 61
Taxes for 1876,	2 76
Old tax,	25
County paupers, Oct. term, 1877,	520 44
Savings bank tax,	1,137 84
Railroad tax,	55 44
Literary fund,	235 21
Old tax,	2 76
For town hall,	69 50
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Total,	\$21,415 41

### ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid I. Saben, for overpay on taxes for 1876,	\$ 4 68
F. H. Eames, notifying jury,	1 72
I. Saben, expenses to Keene, and exemption blanks,	2 75
Sentinel Printing Co., for town reports,	65 25
Ellery Albee, attorney fees,	18 00
Peirce and Ball, for taking affidavits,	2 00
A. H. Taft, registering births and deaths,	10 00
Spalter, for Collector's book,	1 25
A. A. Ware, for surveying, and going to Keene,	4 00
H. Jewell, for surveying,	7 00
I. Saben, sundries, as per bill,	1 50

Paid M. D. Spaulding, work on lamp posts and tramp	
house,	\$ 3 95
W. N. Haskell, for street lamp,	16 00
S. O. Hawkins, referee on Bradford case,	2 00
H. Jewell, for surveying,	1 00
George W. Peirce, for registering births and	
deaths,	4 50
James Stimpson, for street lamp,	13 00
Albert A. Fassett, work in cemetery, in North	
part of town,	6 00
John Adams, iron work for bridge,	6 54
George H. Snow, for telegraphing,	1 23
Harvey Carleton, witness fees in Whitcomb	
case,	8 19
I. Saben, expenses to Keene, &c., as per bill,	3 45
H. B. Swan, witness fees in Whitcomb case,	5 43
A. A. Putnam, services, and cash paid in Whit-	
comb case,	45 10
A. L. Jewell, witness fees in Whitcomb case,	6 68
“ “ “ Couillard “	1 37
“ “ “ Whitcomb “	75
O. L. Howard, painting and varnishing hearse,	8 00
H. W. Bliss, care of street lamps,	30 50
Earl Evans, for registering births and deaths,	3 50
H. V. Prime, witness fees on Whitcomb case,	6 68
F. Weeks & Co., sundries as per bill,	34 99
L. F. Buffum, public water,	3 00
A. W. Swan, for lamp posts,	6 50
R. Parker Wilson, public water,	3 00
William Rixford, witness fees on Whitcomb case,	6 68
George W. Peirce, registering births and deaths,	1 00
L. Martin, carrying jury on road in Whitcomb	
case,	15 00
N. P. Burbank, measuring road in Whitcomb	
case,	1 00
E. W. Bent, repairing scraper,	2 50
A. A. Putnam, services in Whitcomb case,	14 00
“ “ “ Couillard “	9 00
H. Abbott, services in Whitcomb case,	6 68



Paid George H. Prime, services in Whitcomb case,	\$5 43
Kelton & Scott, school books for poor children,	1 85
I. Saben, cash paid for recording deeds, &c.,	2 60
Harvey Dudley, for public water,	1 50
Charles P. Lawrence for public water,	1 50
E. Cook, for taking affidavits,	42
E. S. Richards, sundries, as per bill,	1 75
T. W. Kendrick, for public water,	2 00
H. B. Robbins, for blacksmithing,	10 65
John Hutchins, street lamp, &c., as per bill,	50 93
E. Wilber, wood for tramp-house,	4 00
Ellery Albee, services, as per bill,	29 00
George W. Peirce, recording births and deaths,	1 50
“ “ affidavits of tramps,	5 80
J. T. Burnap, repairing hearse,	1 25
E. Cook, for taking affidavits,	50
J. A. Lesure, for setting glass,	1 00
J. A. Powers, for stationery,	2 45
“ “ “ ringing and tolling bell,	16 25
Total,	<hr/> \$535 75

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid N. P. Burbank, work on highway,	\$ 2 00
Charles Simonds, “ “	3 00
P. J. Fallows, work on drain near H. Robbins',	4 25
Lyman Putnam, “ “ “ “	2 25
J. H. Manning, drawing stone for drain,	11 00
George Putnam, work on drain,	75
Eugene Alexander, road agent,	20 00
George C. Snow, “	3 70
E. C. Doolittle, “	50 00
J. B. Field, “	74 63
Levi Saben, “	18 99
George W. Coombs, “	12 00
Frank Burt, work on road,	2 50
Ansel Dickinson, job on road at Ashuelot,	15 00
E. C. Doolittle, road agent,	25 37
E. & A. Naramore, “	50 00
James R. Ware, “	50 09

Paid Warren H. Esty, road agent,	\$28 75
James Fosgate,	43 94
J. H. Manning,	40 00
Amos A. Putnam,	12 00
M. D. Spaulding, shingling bridge at Ashuelot,	11 40
E. A. Pickering, painting	58 64
David Sawyer, road agent,	11 98
Willard Snow,	30 00
“	12 00
“	14 19
Pat. Robbins, work on highway,	12 81
I. Mitchel, work on the Broad Brook road,	11 87
E. Alexander, damage on land for new road,	300 00
Davis, work on Broad Brook road,	10 50
Charles F. Wood, damage on land for new road,	9 00
Priscilla S. Wood,	9 00
Priscilla S. Wood, guardian for J. S. Wood,	
land damage,	9 00
Ellen A. Wood, damage on land for new road,	9 00
A. M. Wood,	9 00
W. H. Wood,	9 00
Priscilla S. Wood, guardian for Abbie F. Wood,	
land damage,	9 00
Edwin C. Doolittle, road agent,	53 63
W. Snow,	35 00
J. H. Manning,	5 25
Elijah W. Baker, work on highway,	19 53
Charles Jackson, bridge plank,	49 47
Samuel R. Newcomb, work near Hinsdale line,	4 50
E. H. Naramore, bridge plank,	50 58
“ highway work,	1 85
L. M. Kent, building new road,	175 00
W. C. Goss, work on highway,	8 15
F. Weeks, gravel for road,	3 80
J. B. Field, for plank,	6 60
“ work on highway,	5 50
N. F. Healy,	3 91
Henry P. Reed,	3 00
L. M. Kent, for building new road,	41 00

Paid Everson Cook, road agent,	\$39 93
James R. Ware, for public water,	3 00
George W. Coombs, road agent,	12 00
Eugene Alexander, “	50 73
J. H. Manning, “	53 22
Daniel H. Chapin, work on highway,	5 10
Reuben Perham, “	35 07
William A. Esty, “	6 75
E. S. Adams, road agent,	100 94
R. W. Boyce, “	44 36
E. A. Kingman, “	76 10
James P. Putnam, “	47 60
Charles Jackson, bridge plank,	34 48
Frank Hildreth, shingling on bridge at Ashuelot,	10 16
Amos P. Tufts, work on highway,	7 00
H. V. Prime, “	75
L. F. Buffum, timber for bow bridge,	14 16
N. P. Burbank, bridge plank,	8 80
Levi Saben, road agent,	20 97
A. H. Cook, “	28 50
George Henry Doolittle, road agent,	15 68
A. W. Ball, “	90 71
Charles D. Willis, work on highway,	6 50
James H. Bolton, road agent,	71 17
O. C. Kendrick, work on highway,	6 88
W. Snow, road agent,	12 17
J. L. Bancroft, road agent,	54 57
A. D. Crombie, bridge plank,	4 09
George C. Snow, road agent,	26 68
Taft Smith, “	29 00
W. Snow, work and gravel for road,	7 85
F. P. Willis, nails for shingling bridge,	9 67
N. F. Healy, lumber, and work on highway,	13 02
A. A. Putnam, road agent,	11 86
Charles H. Cooper, road agent,	31 50
N. F. Healy, bridge plank,	16 00
G. E. Alexander, work and material on bridge,	21 98
Ansel Dickinson, lumber and work on highway,	217 25
E. W. Baker, work on highway,	6 65



Paid James Fosgate, road agent,	\$6 84
S. O. Hawkins, work on highway,	5 00
Martha A. Wood, damage for new road,	9 00
Nancy E. Wood,	9 00
Clarence A. Wood,	9 00
C. W. Thompson, plank for bridge,	11 66
Charles Foster, for snowing bridge,	3 50
J. H. Manning,	2 50
A. A. Putnam, for breaking roads,	8 66
Wheeler boys, breaking roads,	1 50
William Fosgate, work on drain,	1 87
David Sawyer, work on highway,	2 30
J. R. Ware,	1 70
E. H. Naramore, for bridge plank,	9 80
Martin M. Baker, repairing bridge and road,	6 00
J. H. Manning, work and material on road,	4 25
Total,	\$2,818 81

The above bill includes six hundred and six dollars for building new road through E. Alexander's and S. Wood's heirs' land, and paying damage.

#### TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Earl Evans, medical attendance N. B. Hammond,	\$ 8 00
“ “ Sarah Thayer,	10 50
“ “ Mrs. Merrill,	27 50
Geo. W. Peirce, “ N. B. Hammond,	6 93
“ “ Harriet Thayer,	11 25
“ “ Ella Debelle,	10 50
“ “ O. L. Nash and child,	10 00
A. H. Taft, “ Mrs. Wilber Willis,	7 25
Sarah A. Bryant, work for J. H. Rich,	2 00
Etta C. Wilson, “ “	1 00
Kelton & Scott, goods for Mrs. O. L. Nash,	21 57
“ “ town paupers,	4 55
“ “ Harriet Thayer,	4 75
Insane asylum, support Luther Lawrence,	56 00
F. P. Willis, goods for O. L. Nash,	10 59
Wood Bros., meat for O. L. Nash,	2 02

Paid H. W. Bliss, milk and washing for J. T. Rich,	\$3 87
A. J. Harvey, support N. B. Hammond,	4 42
E. H. Brown, goods for       “	15 03
Mrs. Stetson, support Harriet Thayer,	20 93
Support Daniel D. Davis,	35 00
E. H. Brown, goods for Daniel D. Davis,	4 00
W. A. Alexander,       “       “	14 90
“       “       “       N. B. Hammond,	5 00
D. H. Gunn, support of       “	14 00
Support Daniel D. Davis,	20 00
Earl Evans, medical service for J. H. Rich,	8 00
Insane asylum, support Luther Lawrence,	53 77
“       “       Daniel D. Davis,	12 00
A. M. Howard, for J. H. Rich,	1 00
Daniel Gunn, support N. B. Hammond,	4 92
Levi Saben, board       “	1 00
J. A. Lesure, coffin for F. Bent's child,	6 00
Support Daniel D. Davis,	10 00
Dr. Mead, medical attendance Frank Bent,	18 61
Support D. D. Davis,	15 00
Kelton & Scott, goods for Harriet Thayer,	19 62
Levi Saben, for Frank Bent,	3 00
“       J. H. Rich,	45 00
F. Weeks & Co., goods Harriet Thayer,	1 35
W. A. Alexander, goods D. D. Davis,	25 00
“       “       N. B. Hammond,	5 10
Levi Saben, cash paid for wood and milk for J. H. Rich,	1 10
A. H. Taft, medical attendance Mrs. W. Willis,	19 50
“       “       N. B. Hammond,	3 85
Support D. D. Davis,	15 81
Insane asylum, support L. Lawrence,	53 63
Kelton & Scott, goods for J. H. Rich,	3 00
F. Weeks & Co.,       “       “       Harriet Thayer,	3 55
G. W. Peirce, medical attendance town paupers,	26 93
F. P. Willis, goods D. D. Davis,	13 00
“       “       J. H. Rich,	6 89
E. P. Peirce, medical service Harriet Thayer,	3 00
Insane Asylum, support Luther Lawrence,	52 78

Paid L. H. Ripley, support Harriet Thayer,	\$18 50
F. P. Willis, boots for N. B. Hammond,	3 25
F. Weeks & Co., goods for Harriet Thayer,	45
E. H. Brown, " Mrs. Wilber Willis,	4 94
Kelton & Scott, " D. D. Davis,	21 00
" " J. H. Rich,	83
" " Harriet Thayer,	64
F. Weeks & Co., goods for town paupers,	2 42
L. H. Ripley, support Harriet Thayer,	9 00
Eunice Stetson, support N. B. Hammond,	50 75
Mrs. Stafford, support Mrs. J. H. Rich,	22 30
Dr. Peirce, medical services N. B. Hammond,	1 70
" " Mrs. J. H. Rich,	3 01
A. H. Taft, " Mrs. Wilber Willis,	7 60
" " N. B. Hammond,	1 50
J. A. Powers, goods for town paupers,	6 75
Total,	<hr/> \$918 63

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid L. M. Kent, for keeping tramps,	\$16 50
For support of Emily Smith,	24 00
D. D. Davis, for support of Arvilla Hill,	24 00
J. G. Dingman, support of George L. Brown,	16 25
Harvey Russell, support of Abbie Russell,	24 00
For support of George W. Hammond,	18 00
W. H. Plummer, for support of Polly Bryant,	36 00
M. D. Spaulding, care of tramps,	4 55
Lydia Barrett, cash,	6 00
Kelton & Scott, goods for R. F. Gould,	48 00
" " Sarah Aldrich,	36 00
Dr. Dix, medical services for E. H. Sawtelle,	13 00
Wright Wood, goods for Mary O. Dighton,	15 87
Kelton & Scott, goods for J. M. Leonard,	12 49
F. Weeks & Co., " "	3 10
W. L. Rixford, meat " "	1 25
F. Weeks & Co., goods for Sarah Aldrich,	50
George W. Peirce, affidavits of tramps,	2 40
" " medical attendance O. L. Nash,	14 25
" " N. B. Norcross,	9 25



Paid A. H. Taft, medical attendance H. B. Norcross,	\$5 27
R. R. tickets for Peter Baraba to St. Albans,	6 70
F. Weeks & Co., goods for Mrs. O. L. Nash,	2 70
F. P. Willis, goods for Sarah Aldrich,	4 00
L. M. Kent, for keeping H. R. Davis,	2 00
Levi Saben, cash for Polly Bryant,	6 00
Harvey Russell, for support of Abbie Russell,	12 00
For support of George W. Hammond,	7 00
J. G. Dingman, for support of Geo. L. Brown,	10 00
For support of Geo. W. Hammond,	4 00
Railroad tickets for Ellen Morans,	4 00
Levi Saben, cash for Lydia Barrett,	8 00
Ansel E. Bourn, for removing Mrs. Lewis to alms house,	7 00
Harvey Russell, for support of Abbie Russell,	12 00
William A. Mowry, for support of County pau- pers,	5 10
J. G. Dingman, for support of Geo. L. Brown,	5 00
W. H. Plummer, " Polly Bryant,	19 50
Levi Saben, cash for Lydia Barrett,	8 00
For support of Geo. W. Hammond,	6 00
Harvey Russell, for support of Abbie Russell,	8 00
For support of Geo. W. Hammond,	8 50
Levi Saben, for Sarah Aldrich,	6 00
For support of Geo. W. Hammond,	5 50
Levi Saben, for Sarah Aldrich,	6 00
For support of George W. Hammond,	5 50
Levi Saben, cash for Lydia Barrett,	9 00
Harvey Russell, for support of Abbie Russell,	24 00
For support of Emily Smith,	28 00
W. H. Plummer, for support of Polly Bryant,	16 50
D. D. Davis, for support of Arvilla Hill,	28 00
J. G. Dingman, for support of Geo. L. Brown,	20 00
M. D. Spaulding, care of tramps,	14 35
Medical services for Geo. W. Hammond,	8 00
Levi Saben, cash " "	3 00
" " Lydia Barrett,	3 00
" " for removing Lucetta Bates and child to alms house,	3 00

Paid Kelton & Scott, goods for R. F. Gould,	\$56 00
F. Weeks & Co., goods for Geo. L. Brown,	3 50
Wright Wood, goods for Mary O. Dighton,	2 00
Earl Evans, medical services for Benj. Aldrich,	16 25
J. A. Lesure, coffin for Benjamin Aldrich,	8 15
George W. Peirce, for Sarah Aldrich,	25
Kelton & Scott, goods for Sarah Aldrich,	38 18
Earl Evans, medical attendance for Sarah Aldrich,	22 50
P. A. Ware, for Sarah Aldrich,	3 40
Wood Brothers, meat for Sarah Aldrich,	53
John A. Powers, for Sarah Aldrich,	25
A. H. Taft, medical services for George Bragg,	21 52
Kelton & Scott, goods for George Bragg,	2 00
John A. Powers, for George Bragg,	25
W. L. Rixford, meat for George Bragg,	4 63
F. Weeks & Co., goods for Benjamin Kidder,	4 06
A. H. Taft, medical services for Benjamin Kidder,	16 85
Earl Evans, medical services for O. L. Nash,	2 50
Kelton & Scott, goods for O. L. Nash,	1 05
Railroad tickets for John Charonelle and family,	10 50
George W. Peirce, for tramps,	2 65
Cash for Mrs. Joy and family,	18 00
“ “	7 74
Levi Saben, for support of George W. Hammond,	7 50
Harvey Russell, for support of Abbie Russell,	10 00
J. G. Dingman, for support of George L. Brown,	10 00
Levi Saben, cash paid Lydia Barrett,	9 00
George W. Peirce, for tramps,	4 30
A. H. Taft, for carrying Mrs. G. W. Hammond to Boston,	25 00
M. D. Spaulding, care of tramps,	19 95
F. P. Willis, goods for Mary Paul,	66
Levi Saben, cash for G. W. Hammond,	3 50
B. C. Snow, for burying Bennie Aldrich,	3 00
Harvey Russell, for support of Abbie Russell,	5 00
William H. Plummer, support of Polly Bryant,	8 00
Levi Saben, cash for George W. Hammond,	6 00

Paid Ball & Felch, goods for Israel Pelky,	\$21 00
Alvin Kempton, support of Mrs. Geo. Burpee,	1 50
Levi Saben, cash paid Lydia Barrett,	12 00
“ “ George W. Hammond,	7 50
Railroad tickets for Mrs. Farrell and family to Webster, Mass.,	4 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,045 20

## SCHOOLS.

Paid James P. Putnam, for District No. 1,	\$ 99 65
Alvin H. Holman, “ 2,	409 73
John Hutchins, “ 3,	862 87
Moody Town, “ 4,	101 95
Daniel Very, “ 5,	89 00
Charles Jackson, “ 6,	147 04
Warren H. Esty. “ 7,	96 85
Eugene Wilder, “ 8,	115 08
William R. Hunt, “ 9,	108 50
Henry P. Reed, “ 10,	108 01
L. F. Buffum, “ 11,	80 72
Marvin D. Lewis, “ 12,	66 49
E. S. Adams, “ 13,	72 93
Wm. R. Bullock, “ 15,	82 63
Edward Barber, “ 16,	132 55
T. W. Kendricks, “ 17,	70 80
Martin Kelly, “ 18,	226 47
Henry Lyman, “ 19,	97 17
A. A. Howard, “ 20,	107 24
C. L. Eaton, “ 21,	112 38
E. Harmon, for high school,	1,050 00
Total,	<hr/> \$4,238 05

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid William E. Allen, care of engine at Ashuelot, 1876,	\$ 3 75
E. C. Thayer, rent for engine house for 1875 and 1876,	36 00
E. C. Richards, hose for Fire Department,	285 00
“ oil for engine,	11 25



Paid C. D. Seaver, care of engine,	\$4 00
Neptune Engine Co.,	170 00
E. C. Richards, hose for Ashuelot engine,	70 89
E. H. Bent, repairing hose carriage,	1 50
W. Leroy Felch, " at Ashuelot,	41 50
M. S. Leach, for hose carriage,	130 00
L. Saben, going to Hinsdale after hose carriage,	1 50
Ball & Felch, for lantern,	1 00
E. C. Richards, services as per bill,	11 41
William E. Allen, care of engine at Ashuelot,	8 50
John Adams, repairing hose,	1 17
Russell & Vaughn, repairing hose,	85
J. T. Burnap, repairs, as per bill,	2 75
Total,	<hr/> \$781 07

## BONDS AND COUPONS.

Paid H. Abbott, paying coupons,	\$180 00
" " "	15 00
" " bonds,	1,250 00
" " interest on bonds,	80 00
" " coupons,	66 00
" " bonds,	1,200 00
" " coupons,	30 00
" " bonds,	150 00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,971 00

## CEMETERY IN DISTRICT NO. 16.

Paid John A. Bolton, land,	\$20 00
Frank Doolittle, building road,	50 00
John A. Bolton, land,	55 00
Jonah Bent, moving school-house,	32 01
Oliver H. Higgins, building cemetery fence,	325 00
O. L. Stratton, work grading,	12 00
Total,	<hr/> \$494 01

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid H. Abbott, for paying State tax,	\$2,156 00
" " County tax,	1,734 79
Total,	<hr/> \$3,890 79

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid S. M. Morse, services as Moderator, Fall 1876, Spring 1877,	\$ 17 00
S. M. Morse, services as Selectman for 1876,	9 00
Elisha Hutchins, services as Auditor for 1876,	2 00
I. Saben, services as Selectman	6 00
A. A. Putnam,	9 00
Russell Follett, services as Auditor	2 00
A. L. Jewell,	2 00
O. L. Howard, Sexton services,	75 25
Charles P. Lawrence, Sexton services,	1 00
Theodore Holton,	10 50
H. Abbott, services as Treasurer,	25 00
F. H. Eames, services as Town Clerk,	54 29
E. Harmon, School Committee,	95 25
Mowry Saben, Collector of taxes,	150 00
Levi Saben, Overseer of the Poor,	57 25
E. Harmon, services rendered, as per bill,	10 56
Auditors for 1877,	3 00
Isaac Saben, services as Selectman,	158 25
Abel H. Cook,	70 25
E. Alexander,	82 00
Total,	<hr/> \$839 60

## TOWN CLOCK.

Paid F. Weeks, Committee,	\$450 00
J. A. Powers, care of town clock, as per bill,	8 00
H. Abbott, Committee,	225 29
E. L. Alexander, for labor,	1 50
Total,	<hr/> \$684 79

## DAMAGE RECEIVED ON HIGHWAY.

Paid E. Bradford, damage rec'd on Hinsdale road,	\$58 33
F. R. Stratton, damage on wagon,	2 37
Total,	<hr/> \$60,70

## BOUNTY ON WILD ANIMALS.

Paid F. H. Eames, cash paid,	\$ 2 50
E. Alexander,	15 00
"	1 20
Total,	<hr/> \$18 70

## DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

Paid Harvey Carlton, sheep killed,	\$6 00
H. B. Swan,                   “	7 00
Charles F. Wood,           “	12 00
David Sawyer,             “	12 00
Total,	<hr/> \$37 00

## TOMB.

Paid F. Weeks, Committee on enlarging tomb,	\$547 00
“                   “                   “	48 80
Total,	<hr/> \$595 80

## EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

Paid F. Weeks, Superintendent,	\$10 12
“                   “	31 97
H. Jewell, surveying and drawing plan cemetery,	10 00
F. Weeks, Superintendent,	24 87
“                   “	9 75
F. B. Clark, lettering on gate,	3 50
F. Weeks, work in cemetery,	28 49
“           bill of W. Snow for work,	3 20
Total,	<hr/> \$121 90

## TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid H. Abbott, Committee,	\$300 00
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## TOWN HALL.

Paid G. E. Alexander, railing for town hall,	\$ 1 00
Charles Bemis, wood                   “	17 50
Kelton & Scott, goods                   “	2 45
L. M. Kent, care town hall,	42 00
F. Weeks & Co., oil, &c., as per bill,	8 60
	<hr/> \$71 55

## OLD BILLS.

Paid Geo. E. Esty, error in tax of 1874,	\$1 20
F. P. Willis, old County pauper bills,	7 87
Mrs. Stetson, support Harriet Thayer,	7 00
Erastus Dickinson, road plank,	8 00



Paid J. M. Stoddard, highway work,	\$ 1 50
A. M. Howard, old bill,	2 80
Cost on Couillard case,	42 40
A. H. Taft, for John O. Smith,	6 27
F. Weeks & Co., for Hammond children,	50
“ “ Mary Hill,	4 07
James R. Ware, error in tax of 1876,	1 34
O. L. Howard, sexton services, “	57 50
Willard Hammond, for Fire Department,	42
F. P. Willis, sundries,	5 29
Mrs. Jacob Rich, in small pox case, 1873,	5 00
Pat. Rowen, error in tax of 1876,	2 00
E. H. Brown, pail for lock-up,	25
L. R. Smith, breaking roads in Feb., 1877,	2 40
John Hutchins, old bill on iron bridge,	2 50
Total,	<hr/> \$158 31

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid L. W. Goss, error in tax,	\$ 3 60
Olive Pentland, error in tax,	7 20
James R. Ware, “	1 44
G. W. Coombs, abatement of taxes for A. D.	
Coombs,	1 00
Ebenezer Swan, error in tax,	1 44
James E. Coxeter, “	1 00
Jones Plummer, “	1 44
George Richards, “ on dog,	1 00
Willis & Davis, “	1 00
Fisk & Hopkins, “	6 48
Henry Gould, “	12 96
Ansel Dickinson, “	20 88
Albert Doolittle, “	1 44
Mowry Saben, abatement of taxes,	91 09
E. G. Goodell, error in tax,	1 44
Total,	<hr/> \$153 41

## RECAPITULATION.

Ordinary Town Charges,	\$ 535 75
Highways and Bridges,	2,818 75
Town Paupers,	918 63
County Paupers,	1,045 20
Schools,	4,238 05
Fire Department,	781 07
Bonds and Coupons,	2,971 00
Town Officers,	839 60
Damage on Highway,	60 70
Evergreen Cemetery,	121 90
Cemetery in District No. 16,	494 01
State and County Tax,	3,890 79
Town Hall,	71 55
Old Bills,	158 31
Town Library,	300 00
Abatement of Taxes,	153 41
Town Clock,	684 79
Tomb,	595 80
Damage done by Dogs,	37 00
Bounty on Wild Animals,	18 70
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Total amount of Payments,	\$20,735 07
Total amount of Liabilities,	\$4,907 21
“ Assets,	872 33
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Balance against the town, March 1, 1878,	\$4,034 88

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ISAAC SABEN,  
ABEL H. COOK,  
E. ALEXANDER,

*Selectmen of Winchester.*

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1878, and find them correct.

The financial affairs of the town are as follows :

### LIABILITIES.

Town bonds outstanding March 1, 1878,	\$4,300 00
Interest on same to March 1, 1878,	43 00
Due Schools, Literary Fund,	235 21
Schools, dog tax,	129 00
Outstanding bills, estimated,	200 00
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Amounting to	\$4,907 21

### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1878,	\$680 34
Due from the County for support of Paupers,	191 99
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Amounting to	\$872 33
Balance against the Town, March 1, 1877,	\$4,475 57
Balance against the Town, March 1, 1878,	4,034 88
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Making a reduction of the Town debt of	\$440 69

H. B. SWAN,  
EVERSON COOK,

*Auditors.*

Winchester, March 1, 1878.



## EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

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Your Superintendent would report the roads, walks and grounds generally, at the close of the season, in good order, and would respectfully recommend an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of painting the fence one coat, grading about the tomb, and keeping the grounds in good order the present season. Expenses the past year are as follows :—

Paid Wm. Fosgate,	\$ 4 62
George Burpee,	2 50
John G. Dingman,	5 55
Eugene Burpee,	1 25
Willard Snow,	14 08
James M. Nash,	2 50
A. Kempton,	5 25
N. B. Norcross,	36 05
Alfred Capron,	2 75
O. A. Moulton,	2 75
George Scott,	35
Herman Healey,	1 50
Henry Cook,	1 25
Hiram Murdock.	2 00
E. W. Everden,	8 50
Daniel Haile,	1 00
Asa C. Lewis,	3 45
Harvey Jewell,	10 00
F. B. Clark,	3 50
Frank Puffer,	2 75
F. Weeks,	10 30
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	\$121 90

Respectfully submitted,

F. WEEKS, *Superintendent.*

The Committee chosen at the last Annual Town Meeting to repair Tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, have attended to their duties, and would submit the following report:—

Paid J. C. Field, for building addition,	\$485 00
“ “ “ wing walls,	72 00
Russell & Vaughn, for door to tomb,	28 00
H. B. Robbins, for hinges for door,	2 80
N. P. Burbank, for grading and building road in front of tomb,	5 00
Committee, for services,	3 00
Total cost,	<hr/> \$595 80

F. WEEKS,  
H. ABBOTT,  
O. L. HOWARD,  
*Committee.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOWN CLOCK.

The Committee chosen at the last annual town meeting to purchase and put a town clock on the Town House, have attended to their duties, and would respectfully submit the following report:—

Cost of clock and putting up of same:—

Paid E. Howard & Co., clock,	\$425 00
G. E. Alexander, work,	30 20
M. D. Spaulding, “	10 40
Frank Hildreth, “	26 45
H. H. Smith, “	1 47
M. T. Spaulding, “	6 75
A. Capron, “	6 10
John Adams, iron work,	70
H. B. Robbins, “	5 81
F. P. Willis, as per bill, nails, &c.,	12 11
E. C. Richards, boarding Howard's man,	4 75
E. Howard & Co., expenses from Boston and return,	7 30
Ashuelot Railroad Co., freight,	9 50
Nims, Whitney & Co., for dials, &c.,	70 00
A. M. Howard, lumber,	24 35
A. & W. Dickinson, lumber,	13 00
John Hutchins, “	2 85
O. L. Howard, cartage,	65
A. Kempton, “	50
E. Alexander, “	1 50
F. Weeks & Co., paint, &c.,	9 60
Kelton & Scott, nails, &c.,	1 23
Services and expenses of Committee,	13 20
	<hr/> \$683 42
Cr.	
By lumber sold,	6 63
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Net cost,	\$676 79

F. WEEKS,  
J. A. POWERS,  
H. ABBOTT,

*Committee.*



## REPORT OF SUPT. SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Winchester would respectfully present the following Report, for the year ending March 12, 1878 :

### TABULAR STATEMENT, NO. 1.

No. of District.	Weeks Summer Term.	Weeks Winter Term.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	Boys.	Girls.	Reading and Spelling.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	U. S. History.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Penmanship.	Other Branches.	Children bet. 5 and 15 not attending School.	Average Attendance.
1	8	9	0	2	4	5	9	12	10	4	0	0	0	13	6	1	6
2	10	13	0	3	59	38	97	37	42	10	1	0	0	29	0	0	62
3	11	20	1	3	104	104	208	137	97	85	44	13	19	90	95	5	130
4	10	10	0	1	5	13	18	15	11	6	2	0	0	10	0	0	13
5	10	8	0	1	7	9	16	10	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
6	10	12	0	1	13	14	27	22	9	4	9	0	0	15	15	2	20
7	7	13	0	1	11	6	17	10	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	14
8	8	12	0	2	11	10	21	9	4	3	0	0	0	10	0	0	16
9	8	12	0	1	8	8	16	8	6	4	0	0	0	8	1	0	10
10	8	10	0	2	8	7	15	11	8	3	0	0	0	9	0	1	13
11	10	5	0	1	2	3	5	6	5	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	4
12	4	5	0	1	2	3	5	3	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
13	10	0	0	1	5	1	6	4	4	3	0	0	1	4	0	0	5
15	8	11	0	2	8	5	13	8	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
16	9	16	0	1	10	15	25	20	14	7	4	0	0	15	12	0	20
17	0	13	0	1	5	1	6	6	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5
18	12	14	1	1	26	28	54	24	13	1	0	0	0	20	0	14	38
19	10	11	0	1	9	5	14	11	10	4	1	0	1	9	4	1	10
20	8	10	0	2	12	5	17	14	11	4	2	1	2	15	0	0	12
21	10	11	0	2	10	9	19	10	10	10	0	0	0	11	0	0	14
171	216	230	315	278	593	377	282	160	65	14	23	269	175	25	414		

# TABULAR STATEMENT, NO. 2.

DISTRICT.	PRUD. COMMITTEE.	TEACHERS.
1. Upper,	James P. Putnam,	Luella M. Sawyer, S.; Belle C. Elmore, Hinsdale, W.
2. Lower,	A. H. Holman,	Abbie R. Jennison, Templeton, Mass., S.; Susie E. Knapp, F.
3. High,	John Hutchins,	Mrs. M. Angie Saben, S. and F.
3. Gram.,		Julius N. Mallory, S., F. and W.
3. Inter.,		Adella A. Woodbury, Bethel, Vt., S.; Anna M. Burke, Brattleboro', F. and W.
3. Prim.,		Ida M. Swan, S., F. and W.
4.	Moody Towns,	Clara E. Morse, S., F. and W.
5.	Daniel Very,	Alice C. Taggart, S. and F.
6.	Charles Jackson,	Fannie A. Tuttle, S. and F.
7.	Warren H. Estey,	Sarah E. Rixford, S. and F.
8.	S. Eugene Wilder,	Carrie A. Eames, S. and F.
9.	William R. Hunt,	Ida B. Streeter, Vernon, Vt., S.; Anna M. Atherton, Chesterfield, F.
10.	Henry P. Read,	Ella L. Hunt, S. and F.
11.	L. F. Buffum,	Gracie E. Brooks, Westport, S.; Eugenia C. Fosgate, F.
12.	Marvin D. Lewis,	Emma R. Jillson, Warwick, Mass., S. and F.
13.	Eben S. Adams,	Florence A. Norwood, Richmond, S. and F.
15.	William Bullock,	Addie E. Healey, W.
16.	Edward Barber,	Mary B. Thompson, S.; Ellen L. Bullock, F.
17.	Thos. W. Kendrick,	Annie M. Needham, S., F. and W.
18.	Martin Kelly,	Bertha F. Ball, Warwick, Mass., W.
19.	Henry Lyman,	Anna M. Mead, S.; Everett Lyman, F.
20.	A. A. Howard,	Ella M. Smith, S. and W.
21.	Calvin L. Eaton,	Mary G. Healey, S.; Emma R. Jillson, W. Carrie J. Hutchins, S.; Luella F. Eaton, Swanzey, and Carrie J. Hutchins, F.

NOTE.—S., F. and W. stand for Summer, Fall and Winter Terms respectively.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

No. 1—Flora J. Boyce, Eugene R. Boyce, Frank Kendrick.

No. 2—Fred Fairbanks, Ellen M. Fitzgerald, Felix Moran.

No. 3—Primary, Katie Willis,

No. 3—Intermediate, Katie Abbott, Gracie Ball, Susie Pierce, Stella Willis, Wallie Metcalf.

No. 3—High School, including Grammar: Eva Atwood, Winnie J. Scott, Jennie Wardwell, Eugene Harmon, Anna Shepardson, Edith Hosford, Annie Harmon, Minnie Howard, Annie Hubbard.

No. 4—Addie F. Hubbard.

No. 5—Hattie E. Morey.

No. 6—Sarah L. Jackson, Mary E. Shaw, Ernest J. Jackson.

No. 7—0.

No. 8—Carrie M. Field, Emma Davis, Veno Ruff.

No. 9—Geo. P. Orseneau, Etta C. Hill, Carrie E. Plummer.

No. 10—Nellie E. Bourn, Nora M. Lawrence, Flora A. Lawrence, Eva A. Lawrence, Lizzie M. Read, Lelia K. Read, Frances J. Thompson, Bertie L. Fassett, Daniel M. Thompson, Perley C. Thompson.

No. 11—A. Gertrude Buffum, Delia Barry.

No. 12—Rosa A. Baum, George H. Baum, Lizzie B. Baum, Gertie E. Baum, Thomas E. Pentland.

No. 13—0.

No. 15—George W. Bullock.

No. 16—Rodney Fisher.

No. 17—George S. Kendrick.

No. 18—Mary E. Warren, Frank F. Houlihan.

No. 19—Grant R. Hammond, Willie H. Curtiss.

No. 20—Charles H. Combs, Frank R. Ellis, Arthur E. Howard, Johnnie Pelkey.

No. 21—0.

The Roll of Honor includes the names of those scholars who have been neither absent nor tardy during the term or terms for which their names are registered. Next year we shall make it out on a different plan, so that a place upon the Roll may be more easily obtained, and at the same time relative



merit be more accurately marked. Every scholar who is neither absent nor tardy for one full term will have his name upon the Roll. The numeral 1 appended to the name of a scholar, will indicate that he was neither absent nor tardy the Summer Term. The numeral 2 will indicate that he was perfect in these regards the Fall Term. The numeral 3 will indicate that he was perfect the Winter Term. The three numerals following any name will indicate that that person was neither absent nor tardy for the whole year, which, of course, constitutes the most meritorious record, and should be striven for by all accordingly.

We hope that the teachers will take up this matter in earnest, being careful to give credit where it is due, and only where it is due. No teacher has a right to excuse a tardy mark or an absence mark. The Roll-call, morning and afternoon, should be the first thing after calling to order, and every scholar who is not present to answer to his name should be marked.

The whole number of Common and High School scholars who have been identified with our school work for the year is 593, averaging in daily attendance, 414.

Of these, 209 have not been tardy, and 92 have not been absent during the period for which their names are found registered.

They are distributed, High School scholars excepted, as follows:—

	No. District.	Not Tardy.	Not Absent.	No. Dist.	Not Tardy.	Not Absent.
1,		8	4	10,	10	11
2, Upper,		10	6	11,	5	2
2, Lower,		10	1	12,	5	4
3, Primary,		21	1	13,	4	0
3, Intermediate,		29	8	15,	6	3
4,		6	6	16,	12	2
5,		9	1	17,	5	3
6,		14	4	18,	15	4
7,		4	1	19,	3	5
8,		9	3	20,	12	5
9,		8	3	21,	4	2

The average length of schools for the year has been 21 5-6 weeks. If we should leave out of the account the five districts

which have a scholarship of 25 or more, viz: Nos. 2, 3, 6, 16 and 18, the 15 remaining districts are found to contain 13 scholars apiece on the average, to have 17 weeks school each, and to draw \$94.01 for school purposes.

If these 15 districts could only agree to consolidate and form themselves into 10 districts instead of 15, then, if the same scale of appropriation and expenditure as now should prevail, the average number of scholars would be 20, the average number of weeks school per year would be 26, and the average amount of money to each of these new districts would be \$141.02. And who can fail to see that the advantage of this arrangement would be very great, economically and educationally?

There are five schools whose average attendance is between 12 and 6, and five whose average attendance is 6 or less. The number of scholars in some districts is thus seen to be near the vanishing point, and the folly of adhering to old district lines in our changed circumstances, becomes more and more manifest.

Of the teachers employed 4 were beginners, and 11 reported themselves as teaching the same school for two or more successive terms.

Most of the teachers have done well, some few have partially failed, and a few merit unusual praise. The work of the year, on the whole, has been an advance, as we think, on previous years, though not yet what we could wish. Some of the teachers have the inveterate habit of telling the scholars the first word or syllable of an answer, instead of requiring them to depend upon themselves. The teacher should draw out of the scholar the answer, or give the question to the class, or do almost anything rather than perform the office of prompter. We hope the time will soon come when some of our teachers will not be tied down to the exact phraseology and idea of the text-book, as they now are. Teachers ought to be so far beyond their scholars that they can launch out into explanations and statement of principles not found in the particular text-book in hand, if necessary.

Quite a number of registers have been imperfectly made out. In some cases, perhaps we ought to say many, we cannot make out accurate reports, as required by law, without

looking through the entire work of the teacher in the register to detect and rectify mistakes. Next year we shall be required to use a more complex and difficult register than heretofore, and we warn the teachers to sharpen their statistical wits to suit the emergency. Pardon us if we suggest that in filling out blanks at the close of the term the rule is always to write 0 where nothing else is to be written.

The ages of scholars should always be taken, and the names of boys and girls kept in separate lists, each being alphabetically arranged and numbered independently of the other.

In the class-book the following order of record should be observed :

Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History, Physiology, Algebra, &c. Where there are several classes in the same branch the higher should be placed first.

Some of our Prudential Committees deserve much praise for their devotion to the welfare of the schools, and some of them, perhaps, ought to be nudged a little. A good, usable blackboard, an eraser, a good door-latch, a few hooks for clothes, a good broom, a water-pail, a pane of glass, or a door-panel replaced, or a rickety seat nailed down,—these are some of the things for which some schools are waiting, and have waited long.

We purpose, at the beginning of the schools next term, to introduce new Grammars throughout the town, both for the beginners and advanced classes.

We shall try to select the best, and shall get as favorable terms as possible from the publishers. The old books will be taken in part payment for the new, if they are presented at the opening of the school. This change has for a long time been considered, seems necessary to the best welfare of the schools, and we trust, will be heartily welcomed by all. After the first introduction the books will be on sale at regular prices at the stores.

# HIGH SCHOOL.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$ 27 19
Town appropriations,	1,050 00
Appropriations from District No. 3,	250 00
Tuitions,	44 27
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	\$1,371 46

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. N. Mallory, teaching 34 weeks,	\$850 00
Miss Ada A. Woodbury, 11 weeks,	110 00
Miss Anna M. Burke, 13 weeks,	130 00
“ “ 12 weeks,	144 00
Hattie Lyman, 1 week,	12 00
District No. 3, wood, care of house, &c.,	113 81
For advertising and circulars,	5 00
For crayons,	2 75
For repairs of organ, &c.,	1 80
Cash on hand,	2 10
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	\$1,371 46

The school has been under the charge of Mr. Julius N. Mallory, assisted in the Summer term of 11 weeks by Miss Ada A. Woodbury of Bethel, Vt., and in the Fall and Winter terms of 13 and 12 weeks respectively, by Miss Anna M. Burke of Brattleboro', Vt. The Summer term commenced April 16th, the Fall term August 27th, and the Winter term December 10th. It is expected that the next term will commence April 8th.

The whole number of different scholars in attendance during the year past is 101; 61 girls and 40 boys. Thirteen of these, 8 girls and 5 boys, have come from out of town, by paying tuition. The average attendance is 60½.

The number of scholars attending to different branches is as follows:—Reading and Spelling 101, Penmanship 35, Arithmetic 76, Descriptive Geography 41, Physical Geography 12, Grammar 72, History 44, Physiology 13, Book-keeping 19,



Algebra 21, Geometry 5, Philosophy 12, Botany 8, Latin 16, Trench on English words 4, French 5, Rhetoric 5, Chemistry 7.

The whole number of scholars in the Summer term was 56, with average attendance of 47; in the Fall term 72, with average attendance of 65; in the Winter term 72, with an average attendance of 68.

In the Summer term the number of pupils not tardy was 38; not absent, 22. In the Fall term, not tardy, 45; not absent, 17. In the Winter term, not tardy, 45; not absent, 35.

These figures, if compared with those of the year preceding, will show a very encouraging expansion and advance in every regard.

The High School year has been one of such prosperity as to cheer the hearts of all who love the cause of education in this town. Four scholars, viz: Winnie J. Scott, Jennie Wardwell, Nellie Woodbury and Eugene Harmon, deserve commendation as having been neither absent nor tardy during the year.

At the beginning of the Fall term a new departure of great importance was made, a course of study was adopted and published, and the Grammar Department was made distinct from the High School proper, and given to the care of the Assistant.

The Committee are highly pleased with the result, and only wish that the movement could have been made earlier. Scholars are now ambitious to take the course and complete it. They feel that there is an end to be sought, a goal to be reached, and are inspired to work accordingly.

Never had the citizens of this town greater reason to be proud of this institution, which is the child of their suffrages and benefactions, than now.

The Committee are desirous that all the scholars of the town who are qualified, should apply at the door of this school for admittance, and the standard of admission will be made as easy as the best interests of the school will allow.

The school year has been three weeks longer than heretofore, and the reason why this has been practicable will be learned in part by a careful scrutiny of the Financial Statement.

But we cannot expect the same advantage in every respect next year. Our well-trying and successful teachers we shall do well to keep. The Principal will give, as he did last year, two weeks to make out the 36 weeks. It would be a great misfortune to be obliged to shorten the school year, and thus cripple the workings of the course we have so recently adopted. We would therefore recommend to the town to make an addition of \$50 to its usual appropriation for the High School.

In conclusion, we cannot refrain from expressing a deep conviction that the High School is the beginning of better things for our common schools.

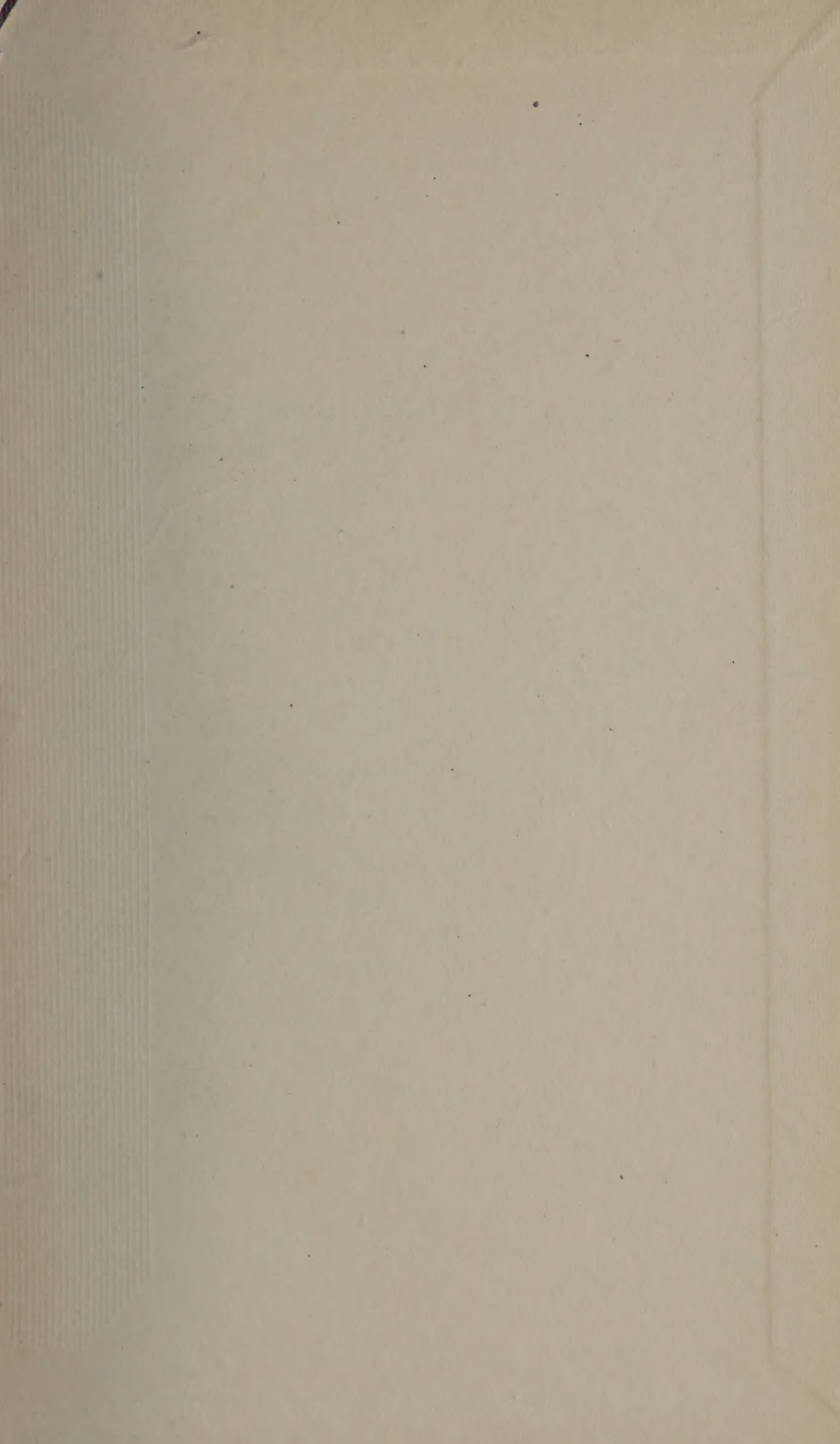
We are to have better teachers in our common schools as this work goes on, teachers of greater breadth of culture, and wider compass of knowledge; and as this is more and more accomplished, the educational uplift of the town is sure to follow in corresponding degree.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN A. BROWN,  
ELIJAH HARMON,  
ELLERY ALBEE,

*Supt. School Committee.*







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